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TO AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA PRIORITY

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AMEMBASSY ROME

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AFDROUGHT

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAID, SWEL, XY

SUBJECT: CHAD CEREAL SHIPMENTS

REF: NDJAMENA

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM EASUM

ABIDJAN FOR REDSO, ROME FOR FODAG

1. SAM ADAMS AND I ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT POSSIBLE BUILD UP OF CHAD'S RELIEF CEREALS SHIPMENTS AT MAIDUGURI COULD RESULT IN SPOILAGE AND IN LOSS TO POTENTIAL RECIPIENTS. US PUBLIC, AND CONGRESS IN RESPONSE TO INTENSIVE ADMINISTRATION EFFORTS, ALREADY HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO SAHELIAN DROUGHT. NEWS OF SPOILAGE WOULD THEREFORE BE RECEIVED AS SERIOUS INDICATION MISMANAGEMENT OF RELIEF EFFORT.

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2. WE ARE DETERMINED THAT OUR RESPONSIBILITIES BE CARRIED OUT SO AS TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO AVOID SUCH AN EVENT. IT APPEARS FROM HERE THAT IF THE CHADIAN GOVERNMENT REFUSES TO ALLOW FULLER PARTICIPATION BY NIGERIAN TRUCKING COMPANIES IT WOULD BE LARGELY RESPONSIBLE. TO AVERT SUCH A LOSS WE ARE GIVING SERIOUS AND URGENT CONSIDERATION TO DIVERSION CHAD'S SHIPMENTS TO NIGER. HOWEVER, WE SEEK YOUR AND EMBASSY LAGOS' ADVICE ON THE ACTUAL STATE OF THE SITUATION IN MAIDUGURI AND FORECAST FOR NEXT FEW WEEKS BEFORE RAINY

SEASON ARRIVES IN FULL STRENGTH.

3. IT WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT FOLLOWING SNYDER VISIT MINISTER DJOUNOUMA WOULD ANNOUNCE WHETHER OR NOT NIGERIAN TRUCKING TO NDJAMENA WOULD INCREASE. WE REMAIN UNINFORMED RE CHADIAN GOVT DECISION. WE RECOGNIZE THAT STRIKES IN NIGERIA HAVE DELAYED SHIPMENTS FROM APAPA BUT IT REMAINS OUR ASSUMPTION THAT WE AND OSRO ARE STILL DIRECTING OUR EFFORTS TO PLACE ABOUT 30,000 TONS OF CHADIAN CEREALS INTO MAIDUGURI BY THE END OF JUNE, WHICH IN TURN WOULD REQUIRE GREATLY EXPANDED USE OF NIGERIAN TRUCKING ON THE MAIDUGURI-NDJAMENA ROUTE AND INCREASED CTT EFFORT WITHIN CHAD. IS THIS STILL VALID PLAN? IN ORDER TO ENSURE ACCURATE WASHINGTON READING OF SITUATION, IT IS MOST IMPORTANT WE HAVE FULL ACCOUNT ANY CONVERSATIONS EMBASSY HAS HAD WITH GOC OFFICIALS IN ITS EFFORTS BREAK THIS PROBLEM LOOSE.

4. FOR LAGOS: WE HAVE NO INFO BEYOND WEEKLY TONNAGE REPORT OF LAGOS 4436. PLEASE UPDATE PORT AND TRANSSHIPMENT SITUATION. KISSINGER

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